PLANT SCIENCE (PLNT)

PLNT 1101 Orientation to Plant and Soil Sciences
Description: Introduction to areas of study, professional activities and career opportunities in plant and soil sciences.
Credit hours: 1
Contact hours: Lecture: 1
Levels: Undergraduate
Schedule types: Lecture
Department/School: Plant & Soil Sciences

PLNT 1213 Introduction to Plant and Soil Systems
Description: Introduction to the concepts of plant and soil systems including cropland, rangeland and pastureland. A systems approach to the importance of plant and soil resources to the producer, consumer and citizen; modern management and production practices; maintenance of natural resources. Previously offered as AGRN 1213.
Credit hours: 3
Contact hours: Lecture: 3
Levels: Undergraduate
Schedule types: Lecture
Department/School: Plant & Soil Sciences

PLNT 2013 Applied Plant Science
Prerequisites: PLNT 1213 or BOT 1404 or FOR 1123 or HORT 1013.
Description: Application of agronomic principles to the management, improvement and use of plants. Structure and growth of crop plants relating to management strategies and adaptation to varying abiotic and biotic factors. Hands-on identification of crops, weeds, and seed quality factors; application of tools and techniques. Previously offered as PLNT 2012 and AGRN 2012.
Credit hours: 3
Contact hours: Lecture: 2 Lab: 2
Levels: Undergraduate
Schedule types: Lab, Lecture, Combined lecture and lab
Department/School: Plant & Soil Sciences

PLNT 2041 Career Development in Plant and Soil Sciences
Prerequisites: Sophomore standing in plant and soil sciences.
Description: Develop personal goals in plant and soil sciences through identification of personal values, skills building, exploring professional opportunities, and networking. Graded on pass-fail basis. Previously offered as AGRN 2041.
Credit hours: 1
Contact hours: Lecture: 1
Levels: Undergraduate
Schedule types: Lecture
Department/School: Plant & Soil Sciences

PLNT 3554 Plant Genetics and Biotechnology
Prerequisites: BIOL 1114.
Description: Basic principles of heredity. Interrelationship between classical genetics and molecular genetics emphasized. Mendelian genetics, cytotenetics, mutations, gene regulation and genetic engineering. Previously offered as AGRN 3554.
Credit hours: 4
Contact hours: Lecture: 3 Lab: 2
Levels: Graduate, Undergraduate
Schedule types: Lab, Lecture, Combined lecture and lab
Department/School: Plant & Soil Sciences

PLNT 3790 Seed and Plant Identification
Prerequisites: PLNT 1213.
Description: Identification and classification of agronomically important crop and weed species from seed and from seedling, vegetative, flowering or mature plants. Offered for fixed credit, 1 credit hours, maximum of 2 credit hours.
Credit hours: 1
Contact hours: Other: 1
Levels: Undergraduate
Schedule types: Independent Study
Department/School: Plant & Soil Sciences

PLNT 4013 Principles of Weed Science
Prerequisites: PLNT 1213 or HORT 1013.
Description: Basic principles of weed biology and ecology, introduction to herbicide chemistry, and methods for preventative, cultural, mechanical, chemical, and biological weed management in cropping systems, turf, and natural landscapes. Laboratories are applied and will include weed identification, calibration of field equipment, applied grower problems, and herbicide damage identification. Previously offered as PLNT 3113 and PLNT 3211.
Credit hours: 3
Contact hours: Lecture: 2 Lab: 2
Levels: Graduate, Undergraduate
Schedule types: Lab, Lecture, Combined lecture and lab
Department/School: Plant & Soil Sciences

PLNT 4080 Professional Internship
Prerequisites: Consent of instructor.
Description: Internship must be at an approved agribusiness unit or other agency serving agronomic agriculture. Requires a final conference with on campus adviser and a written report. Previously offered as AGRN 4080. Offered for variable credit, 1-6 credit hours, maximum of 6 credit hours.
Credit hours: 1-6
Contact hours: Other: 1
Levels: Undergraduate
Schedule types: Independent Study
Department/School: Plant & Soil Sciences

PLNT 4113 Advanced Weed Science
Prerequisites: PLNT 3111 and PLNT 3221.
Description: Integrated approach for weed management. Weed life cycles and biology, weed crop interferences, herbicide families and their characteristics, and finally a systematic and integrated weed management system. Methods of conducting and interpreting research results in appropriate topics. Previously offered as AGRN 4113.
Credit hours: 3
Contact hours: Lecture: 3
Levels: Graduate, Undergraduate
Schedule types: Lecture
Department/School: Plant & Soil Sciences
PLNT 4123 Plant-Environment Interactions  
**Prerequisites:** BOT 1404.  
**Description:** Environmental impact on plant life cycle; (i.e. germination, flowering and senescence); plant growth responses (e.g. photosynthesis, phototropism, biomass production) to light quality, precipitation, temperature, and population or community changes. Previously offered as AGRN 4123.  
**Credit hours:** 3  
**Contact hours:** Lecture: 3  
**Levels:** Graduate, Undergraduate  
**Schedule types:** Lecture  
**Department/School:** Plant & Soil Sciences

PLNT 4133 Temperature Stress Physiology  
**Prerequisites:** BIOC 3653 and BOT 3463 or HORT 4963.  
**Description:** Effects of heat, chilling and freezing stress on plants. Responses to temperature extremes at the molecular to whole plant levels with emphasis on mechanisms of injury and resistance. Same course as HORT 4133. Offered in combination with HORT 5133 and PLNT 5133. May not be used for degree credit with HORT 5133 and PLNT 5133.  
**Credit hours:** 3  
**Contact hours:** Other: 3  
**Levels:** Undergraduate  
**Schedule types:** Lecture  
**Department/School:** Plant & Soil Sciences

PLNT 4353 Plant Breeding  
**Prerequisites:** PLNT 3554 or equivalent.  
**Description:** Basic principles dealing with the improvement of plants through application of genetic principles. Previously offered as AGRN 4353.  
**Credit hours:** 3  
**Contact hours:** Lecture: 3  
**Levels:** Graduate, Undergraduate  
**Schedule types:** Lecture  
**Department/School:** Plant & Soil Sciences

PLNT 4470 Problems and Special Study  
**Prerequisites:** Consent of instructor.  
**Description:** Problems in plant science selected from topics in range and turf, plant breeding and genetics, crop management and physiology, and weed control. Previously offered as AGRN 4470. Offered for variable credit, 1-3 credit hours, maximum of 12 credit hours.  
**Credit hours:** 1-3  
**Contact hours:** Other: 1  
**Levels:** Graduate, Undergraduate  
**Schedule types:** Independent Study  
**Department/School:** Plant & Soil Sciences

PLNT 4573 Bioenergy Feedstock Production  
**Prerequisites:** PLNT 1213.  
**Description:** Understand production and management practices for potential bioenergy feedstocks. Distinguish feedstock sources and end products. Identify physiological mechanisms to improve yield and quality under current and future climates. Use simulation and GIS tools to project biomass and ethanol yields.  
**Credit hours:** 3  
**Contact hours:** Lecture: 3  
**Levels:** Graduate, Undergraduate  
**Schedule types:** Lecture  
**Department/School:** Plant & Soil Sciences

PLNT 4713 Forage and Grazinglands Resource Management  
**Prerequisites:** PLNT 1213 or BOT 1404.  
**Description:** Designing forage systems that optimize yield potential, economical livestock production and pasture system development. Previously offered as RLRE 4613, PLT 3213, and AGRN 4613.  
**Credit hours:** 3  
**Contact hours:** Lecture: 3  
**Levels:** Graduate, Undergraduate  
**Schedule types:** Lecture  
**Department/School:** Plant & Soil Sciences

PLNT 4923 Applications of Biotechnology in Pest Management  
**Prerequisites:** BIOL 1114 and CHEM 1215 or equivalents.  
**Description:** Applications of biotechnology in managing arthropod pests of plants, animals, plant pathogens, and weeds. Introduction to underlying technology, products being developed and deployed, effectiveness and associated problems or concerns resulting from their use. Same course as ENTO 4923, PLP 4923, and PLNT 4922.  
**Credit hours:** 3  
**Contact hours:** Lecture: 3  
**Levels:** Graduate, Undergraduate  
**Schedule types:** Lecture  
**Department/School:** Plant & Soil Sciences

PLNT 4933 Plant Biotechnology and Transgenic Plants  
**Prerequisites:** PLNT 3554 or ANSI 3423 or BIOL 3023.  
**Description:** Principles and techniques in generating transgenic plants with improved agronomic traits. Controversies and consumer concerns over transgenic plants, biotechnology regulations and global status of biotech crops. Basic plant biotechnology techniques in recombinant DNA cloning, transformation, and tissue culture.  
**Credit hours:** 3  
**Contact hours:** Lecture: 2 Lab: 2  
**Levels:** Graduate, Undergraduate  
**Schedule types:** Lab, Lecture, Combined lecture and lab  
**Department/School:** Plant & Soil Sciences

PLNT 4990 Senior Thesis in Plant and Soil Sciences  
**Prerequisites:** Consent of instructor.  
**Description:** Supervised undergraduate research in topics related to plant and soil sciences. Completion of an approved research project based on a thesis topic in plant or soil science will include submission of a written report and a public defense of the work. Offered for variable credit, 1-6 credit hours, maximum of 6 credit hours.  
**Credit hours:** 1-6  
**Contact hours:** Other: 1  
**Levels:** Undergraduate  
**Schedule types:** Independent Study  
**Department/School:** Plant & Soil Sciences
PLNT 5000 Master's Thesis
Prerequisites: Consent of advisor.
Description: Research planned, conducted and reported in consultation with a major professor. Offered for variable credit, 1-6 credit hours, maximum of 6 credit hours.
Credit hours: 1-6
Contact hours: Other: 1
Levels: Graduate
Schedule types: Independent Study
Department/School: Plant & Soil Sciences

PLNT 5020 Graduate Seminar
Prerequisites: Graduate standing.
Description: Discussions of research philosophy, methods, interpretation and presentations. Profession development and contributions to the scientific community. Same course as SOIL 5020. Offered for fixed credit, 1 credit hour, maximum of 3 credit hours.
Credit hours: 1
Contact hours: Other: 1
Levels: Graduate
Schedule types: Independent Study
Department/School: Plant & Soil Sciences

PLNT 5110 Problems and Special Study
Prerequisites: Consent of instructor.
Description: Supervised study of special problems and topics not covered in other graduate courses. Previously offered as AGRN 5110. Offered for variable credit, 1-4 credit hours, maximum of 12 credit hours.
Credit hours: 1-4
Contact hours: Other: 1
Levels: Graduate
Schedule types: Independent Study
Department/School: Plant & Soil Sciences

PLNT 5133 Temperature Stress Physiology
Prerequisites: BIOC 3653 and BOT 3463 or HORT 4963.
Description: Effects of heat, chilling and freezing stress on plants. Responses to temperature extremes at the molecular to whole plant levels with emphasis on mechanisms of injury and resistance. Same course as HORT 5133. Offered in combination with HORT 4133 and PLNT 4133. May not be used for degree credit with HORT 4133 and PLNT 4133.
Credit hours: 3
Contact hours: Lecture: 3
Levels: Graduate
Schedule types: Lecture
Department/School: Plant & Soil Sciences

PLNT 5230 Research
Prerequisites: Consent of a faculty member supervising the research.
Description: Supervised independent research on selected topics. Offered for variable credit, 1-4 credit hours, maximum of 8 credit hours.
Credit hours: 1-4
Contact hours: Other: 1
Levels: Graduate
Schedule types: Independent Study
Department/School: Plant & Soil Sciences

PLNT 5293 Plant Response to Water Stress
Prerequisites: BIOC 3653, BOT 3463.
Description: Physiological ramifications of water deficit stress on cells, tissues, plants and canopies. Discussion of the soil/plant/atmosphere continuum, and avoidance and tolerance mechanisms leading to drought resistance. Photosynthesis, transpiration, and water-use efficiency and their relationship to biomass accumulation and crop yield. Previously offered as AGRN 5293.
Credit hours: 3
Contact hours: Lecture: 3
Levels: Graduate
Schedule types: Lecture
Department/School: Plant & Soil Sciences

PLNT 5313 Simulation Models in Research, Management and Policy
Prerequisites: PLNT 1213.
Description: Use crop simulation models (CSM) and decision support systems to address challenges associated with food, fuel, feed and fiber production. Utilize CSM as research, management, and policy tools. Evaluate CSM as surrogates to field studies and to design experiments to fill in knowledge gaps.
Credit hours: 3
Contact hours: Lecture: 3
Levels: Graduate
Schedule types: Lecture
Department/School: Plant & Soil Sciences

PLNT 5403 Physiological Action of Herbicides
Prerequisites: BOT 3463.
Description: The mode of action, uptake and translocation, and metabolism of herbicides in crops and weeds. Previously offered as AGRN 5403.
Credit hours: 3
Contact hours: Lecture: 3
Levels: Graduate
Schedule types: Lecture
Department/School: Plant & Soil Sciences

PLNT 5412 Plant Breeding Methods
Prerequisites: PLNT 3554 or PLNT 4353 or consent of instructor.
Description: Development and application of genetic principles to breeding methodology of self- and cross-pollinated crops; emphasis on selection methods pertinent to plant improvement; methods of new cultivar development, release, and commercialization. Previously offered as PLNT 5414.
Credit hours: 2
Contact hours: Lecture: 2
Levels: Graduate
Schedule types: Lecture
Department/School: Plant & Soil Sciences
PLNT 5433 Biotechnology in Plant Improvement
**Prerequisites:** PLNT 3554, PLNT 4353, and BIOL 3014 or consent of instructor.
**Description:** Use of emerging technologies in cell biology and molecular genetics to study and manipulate plants. Emphasis on genetic systems which influence productivity and end-product utilization. The integration of biotechnology into plant breeding programs and issues concerning the release of genetically engineered organisms into the environment. Previously offered as AGRN 5433.
**Credit hours:** 3
**Contact hours:** Lecture: 3
**Levels:** Graduate
**Schedule types:** Lecture
**Department/School:** Plant & Soil Sciences

PLNT 5453 Applied Plant Genomics
**Prerequisites:** PLNT 3554 or BIOL 3023.
**Description:** Use and application of genomic knowledge and technology to improve agriculturally important plants. Major topics include structural and comparative genomics and their application in molecular breeding of agronomic crops.
**Credit hours:** 3
**Contact hours:** Lecture: 3
**Levels:** Graduate
**Schedule types:** Lecture
**Department/School:** Plant & Soil Sciences

PLNT 6000 Doctoral Thesis
**Prerequisites:** Consent of adviser.
**Description:** Independent research to be conducted and reported with the supervision of a major professor as partial requirement for the PhD degree. Offered for variable credit, 1-6 credit hours, maximum of 36 credit hours.
**Credit hours:** 1-6
**Contact hours:** Other: 1
**Levels:** Graduate
**Schedule types:** Independent Study
**Department/School:** Plant & Soil Sciences

PLNT 6010 Advanced Topics and Conference
**Prerequisites:** MS degree.
**Description:** Supervised study of advanced topics. A reading and conference course designed to acquaint the advanced student with fields not covered in other courses. Offered for variable credit, 1-6 credit hours, maximum of 12 credit hours.
**Credit hours:** 1-6
**Contact hours:** Other: 1
**Levels:** Graduate
**Schedule types:** Independent Study
**Department/School:** Plant & Soil Sciences

PLNT 6410 Topics in Plant Breeding and Genetics
**Prerequisites:** Consent of instructor.
**Description:** Selected topics in the statistical and experimental analysis of quantitative traits, evolutionary development of domesticated plants and animals, and techniques used in breeding crop plants. Previously offered as AGRN 6410. Offered for variable credit, 1-3 credit hours, maximum of 6 credit hours.
**Credit hours:** 1-3
**Contact hours:** Other: 1
**Levels:** Graduate
**Schedule types:** Independent Study
**Department/School:** Plant & Soil Sciences